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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUE SATO, ET AL.) Examiner: M. Gerike
Application No.: 09/361,963) Group Art Unit: 2875
Filed: July 28, 1999)
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) December 9, 1999
AND MANUFACTURE METHOD)
OF SAME)

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

Also enclosed for the Examiner's information is a Chinese Official Action that was received in connection with the corresponding Chinese application. As indicated, the communication was mailed on October 8, 1999. All of the

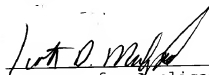
documents identified on the Chinese Official Action are of record in the subject application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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